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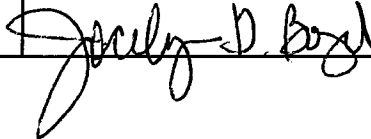
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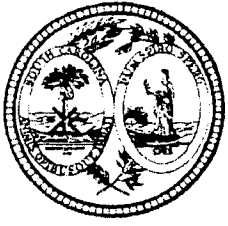
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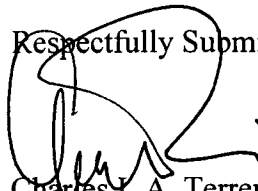
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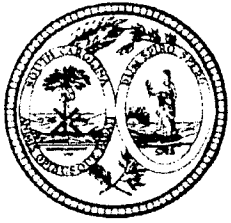
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Document No. 4020
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
CHAPTER 103
Statutory Authority: 1976 Code Section 58-3-140

103-133(8). PC&N (Stretcher Vans)

Synopsis:

The Public Service Commission of South Carolina (Commission) proposes to create a new regulation governing stretcher vans. The proposed regulation was previously published in the State Register on April 25, 2008, and the Commission held a public hearing regarding the proposed regulation on Wednesday, June 25, 2008. On August 27, 2008, the Commission voted to retain jurisdiction of the proposed stretcher van regulation at the Commission for further consideration and to reopen the written comment period, giving the public until October 31, 2008, to file written comments on the proposed regulation. The new promulgated stretcher van regulation defines stretcher vans and provides governing driver and assistant driver qualifications/requirements, vehicle requirements, and limitations and conditions of service.

Instructions: Print the regulation in accordance with directions given below to reflect new regulation.

103-133(8) print as shown below

Text:

103-133(8) PC&N (Stretcher Vans).

Stretcher van service is a mode of non-emergency transportation which may be provided to an individual who cannot be transported in a taxi or wheelchair van due to being non-ambulatory. Stretcher vans are not required or authorized to provide medical monitoring, medical aid, medical care or medical treatment of passengers during their transport. Self-administered oxygen is permitted. In addition to meeting the requirements set out in 103-133(4) and 103-133(6) above, applicants for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for stretcher van vehicles must meet the following requirements:

A. Driver and Assistant Driver Qualifications/Requirements

1. While providing transportation for hire, all stretcher vans shall be staffed by both a primary and an assistant driver. In addition to the general requirements provided for in 103-133(6) (A), stretcher van drivers and driver assistants shall be trained in transferring, loading and unloading passengers in stretchers.

2. A stretcher van passenger shall not be left unattended at any time.
3. The driver and driver assistant shall confirm that all restraining straps are fastened properly and the stretcher, stretcher fasteners and anchorages are properly secured prior to the vehicle transporting a passenger.
4. The driver assistant shall be seated in the passenger compartment while the vehicle is in motion and shall notify the driver of any change in the passenger's status.
5. All drivers and assistant drivers must be a minimum of 18 years of age.
6. Driving Record – The certificate holder must obtain and retain a certified copy of the driver's and the assistant driver's three (3) year driving records issued by the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles and such records from the DMV of the state in which the driver or the assistant driver is or has been domiciled for such period.
7. State Criminal Background Check – The certificate holder must obtain and retain criminal history background checks from the state where the driver and assistant driver currently live.
8. Drivers License – All drivers and assistant drivers operating a stretcher van must have in their possession at the time of such operation valid drivers' licenses issued by the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles or the current state of residence of the driver or assistant driver.
9. Sex Offender Registry – All stretcher van certificate holders are prohibited from employing drivers and assistant drivers who are registered, or required to be registered, as sex offenders with the South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) or any national registry of sex offenders. All drivers and assistant drivers who are registered, or required to be registered, as sex offenders with SLED or any national registry of sex offenders are prohibited from driving a stretcher van. Any driver or assistant driver who is placed on a Sex Offender Registry shall notify the ORS and the certificate holder under which he operates of his status and shall immediately cease to operate the stretcher van.
10. All drivers and assistant drivers must possess a current Red Cross First Aid certification or an American Safety and Health Institute certification, or certification from a program that meets or exceeds the certification standards of the Red Cross First Aid or the American Safety and Health Institute, and Adult Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) certification. The Red Cross First Aid certification must be renewed every three years, and the Adult CPR certification must be renewed annually.

B. Vehicle Requirements

1. The stretcher van must be equipped with a stretcher used to transport individuals in the supine or Fowler's position.
2. Passengers shall be loaded headfirst.
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4. A stretcher van vehicle must be maintained in good repair and safe operating condition and shall meet the same motor vehicle safety requirements as apply to all vehicles in South Carolina. Exterior surfaces of the vehicle including windows, mirrors, warning devices and lights must be undamaged and kept clean of dirt and debris.
5. Safety belts must be provided for all passengers.
6. Self-administered oxygen must be secured in accordance with AMD (Ambulance Manufacturers Division of the National Truck Equipment Association) Standard 003, "Oxygen Tank Retention System Test."
7. The interior of the stretcher van vehicle shall include secured storage compartments.
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9. A stretcher van shall not contain medical equipment or supplies or display any marking, symbols or warning devices that imply that it offers medical care or ambulance transportation.

10. A stretcher van shall not respond or transport a person if the request for service originated within a public dispatch system.

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Fiscal Impact Statement:

There will be no increased costs to the State or its political subdivisions.

Statement of Rationale:

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